

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:7413
ANSWERED ON:15.05.2000
PURCHASE OF POWER FROM NTPC
T. GOVINDAN

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have received any request from Kerala Government regarding unification of purchase price of power from National Thermal Power Corporation station at Kayamkulam in Kerala pooling the price of power from all Central power stations in Southern Region; and

(b) if so, the details alongwith action taken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER

(SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) : Yes, Sir.

(b) : The suggestion of the Government of Kerala for pooling of tariff for various power stations of National Thermal Power Corporation is not practical at present since Kayamkulam station has been dedicated to Kerala on its insistence. Power Purchase Agreement for the entire power from this station has also been signed by the Kerala State Electricity Board. The station, based on naphtha, was reasonably priced when it was planned. At present day's high cost of naphtha, no other state would be willing to buy power.